



# Bay Harbor Islands

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I think all of us recognize the tough choices and difficult times that lie ahead and realize how essential it is to keep a watchful eye on all levels of government operations. This will help ensure that the directions being taken are supported by the majority of our citizens. The right we possess to vote for whomever we wish without coercion is essential to our Town's future as long as we are diligent in our choice of the right people for the job.

I have heard from many of our neighbors that the last two (2) years of being saturated over and over again with the rhetoric about politics has taken the legitimacy from the process and the value of the election system in the minds of many citizens. Its impact on our forthcoming election could be serious if we can not generate the interest to turn out the votes. I think I know what many of you feel: burnt out, who cares, what difference does it make, we're just a small town what difference does my vote make in the scheme of things for our future.

We cannot let our guard down. We need to demonstrate that our vote makes the difference for our future well being. Think of it this way, the next election in our Town could have serious consequences if we don't protect the "quality of life" we have already achieved.

As we focus on today's realities we're also committed to preparing for the future and the next election will play an important role in our Town's direction. Nothing demonstrates this more than the decision we must make in selecting three (3) of our fellow citizens to provide leadership and their expertise to an ever increasing work load for our Town's Council.

Finally, as we chart our course in these uncertain times, it's more important than ever to examine the candidates that we elect to serve on our Council. Your vote is needed to ensure the peoples voices are heard, whether by Absentee Ballot or at the polls. The few moments it will take to stop by your voting precinct to vote to record your choices is well worth the effort.

It is time for all to answer the call to vote our choices. Our citizens have always shown their keen intellect and awareness of the issues that will face our Town Council, which make the coming election so important. You can make a difference, don't give up the chance to make your choices count.

Come out and vote in the April 7, 2009 election. This election you can select three (3) representatives to sit on the Bay Harbor Islands Town Council.

*See you at the polls,*

*Ken*



## Community Picnic Set for Sunday, March 22

The Bay Harbor Islands Community Appreciation Picnic is set for Sunday, March 22. The popular family-oriented event will be held from 1 – 5 p.m. at the open lot at 1177 Kane Concourse.



The menu will include barbecue chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, kosher pizza, and desserts. Entertainment will include music, clowns, bounce houses, rock climbing wall and more. The Environmental Impact Committee will be hosting local environmental organizations to mark Earth Day and will have containers available to collect batteries and electronic equipment to be recycled.

There is no cost, but tickets are required. Beginning March 9, tickets will be available at Town Hall during the day or at the Police Station after business hours on a first come, first served basis. Proof of residency is required and there is a limit of four tickets per household. You may also request tickets by calling Town Hall at 305-866-6241 and ask that they be mailed to your Bay Harbor Islands address. The tickets will be collected the day of the picnic, so please remember to bring them.

## Crossing Guards Needed

Why not earn money while helping keep our children safe as they walk to and from school? Positions for school crossing guard are available. Positions are part time, three hours per day, while school is in session. The pay rate is \$9.50 per hour. For more information contact Officer David Murado, Crossing Guard Coordinator, at 305-866-6242.

## OLLI and Bay Harbor Islands Join Forces to Offer Courses

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Florida International University (FIU) in partnership with the Town of Bay Harbor Islands will be offering non-credit courses held at the Bay Harbor Islands Town Council Chambers.

Membership into OLLI is required. For more information, please contact Clara Barman at 305-919-5641.

### Winter B Term

Course: Broadway: The American Musical

Instructor: Hersh Adlerstein

Time: Wednesday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Dates: February 18, 25 and March 4, 11, 18, 25

Fee: \$90.00

Register by calling 305-919-5910

## Town Election on April 7

The Town will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, April 7, to fill three seats on the Town Council. The official qualifying period began on February 13 and ends March 6. Therefore, a complete list of candidates is not yet available. A brief article on each candidate will be included in the April issue of NewsWaves.

All residents who are registered voters are urged to come to Town Hall on Election Day between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to cast their votes. If you have not yet registered, you may obtain a registration form at Town Hall or at any state driver's license office. Under the law, the books close to new registrations 30 days prior to the election, Monday, March 9. If you are not sure if your registration is current or have other questions regarding registration, please contact the Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8683.

If you are unable to go to the polls on the day of the election, absentee ballots may be requested by calling the Elections Department at 305-499-8444. Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 7 p.m. of the day of the election.

If you wish to become a candidate, file with the Town Clerk during regular business hours at Town Hall after 9 a.m. on Friday, February 13 and before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6.



## Tune In to Your Town on Channel 77

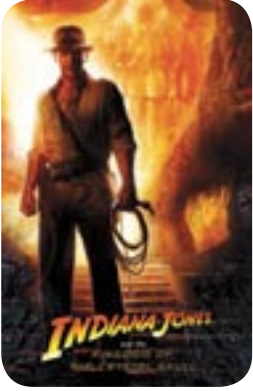
From Bay Harbor Islands Council meetings to Town services to upcoming events, residents can tune into Channel 77 on our local cable supplier, Atlantic Broadband, for the latest in Town news and happenings. Currently, the government access channel is showing the most recent Town Council and Planning & Zoning Board meetings. General information on Town services, elected officials, police and emergency information is also available.

## Recycle Batteries at Town Hall

Residents are encouraged to drop off their old batteries at Town Hall for recycling.



## Indiana Jones Adventure to be Shown at March Movie



The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will be presenting the adventure film *Indiana Jones, Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* at the Town's Outdoor Movie Night on Saturday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

The exciting movie is set during the cold war with an older Indiana Jones doing battle with evil Soviet agents as they seek a legendary skull made of a single piece of quartz. Professor Jones is joined by a young man, Mutt, as well as Marian, his love interest from a previous film.

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening under the stars with your neighbors. Admission is free and open to the public. The films are shown at the open lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Free parking is available. Here is the 2009 schedule:

- **April 18 - Arctic Tale**
- **May 16 - Grease**

For information throughout the season, contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or visit [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org).

### Storytime at the Park

The Storytime at the Park program entertains children and families at the Bay Harbor Islands' Tot Lot at West Broadview Drive and 96th Street. Admission is free and the event is held on the first and third Fridays through May of 2009. For more information, contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or visit [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org).

- **Friday, March 6 at 4 p.m.:** *Stories & Magic with Merlina*
- **Friday, March 20 at 4 p.m.:** *Storytelling with Gail*

## Town Engineer Recognized For Receiving State License

Randy Daniel, Town Engineer for Bay Harbor Islands, was recently presented an award for his diligence and hard work in receiving his Professional Engineer License in Civil Engineering from the State of Florida.

*Presenting the award to Randy Daniel (L) is Mayor Kenneth Weinstein.*



## Upcoming Town Meetings

The Town Council welcomes your attendance at meetings. To confirm all meeting dates and times, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 305-866-6241. All meetings, unless regarding topics specifically exempt by state law, are open to the public.

- Planning and Zoning - Tuesday, Mar. 3 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Monday, Mar. 9 at 7 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning - Tuesday, Mar. 17 at 7 p.m.

The following meeting dates are scheduled for various Committees and are open to the public. **Dates are subject to change**, therefore, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 305-866-6241 for confirmation of the meeting date and time.

- Environmental Impact - Monday, Mar. 2 at 6:45 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation - Tuesday, Mar. 10 at 7 p.m.
- Education - Wednesday, Mar. 18 at 6:30 p.m.
- Charter & Ordinance Review - Monday Mar. 23 at 7 p.m.

The following future meeting dates are subject to change. Closer to the date, please contact the Town Clerk's Office or check the Town's website [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org).

- Regular Council Meetings: April 13, May 11 and June 8.
- Planning and Zoning Board Meetings: April. 8 (Wed.) and Apr. 21, May 5 & 19 and June 2 & 16.
- Environmental Impact Committee - 1st Monday
- Parks & Recreation Committee - 2nd Tuesday
- Education Committee - 3rd Wednesday
- Charter & Ordinance Review Committee - 4th Monday
- Disaster Preparedness Committee - TBA

### MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

At the time of printing of this newsletter, the topics listed below are anticipated for discussion or possible action at the Regular Council Meeting on **Monday, March 9, 2009**. All items are subject to change.

- Second reading of a proposed Ordinance amending Section 20-5 and 20-6 of the Town Code increasing the monthly charge for water service and the minimum monthly service charges per meter, due to an increase in charges from Miami-Dade County.
- Second reading of a proposed Ordinance creating Section 2-2 of the Town Code adopting regulations pertaining to the official use of the Town's seal.

## PAL Chapter Receives Donation from Town's 5K Run

The Surf Bal Bay Police Athletic League was the recipient of the donations from the Town's recent Annual 5K Run/Walk. A check for \$4,400 was presented to PAL Director Jose Andrade at the February Town Council meeting.



(L-R) Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace, PAL Director Jose Andrade, Police Chief Duncan Young and Mayor Kenneth Weinstein.

## Town Officials Attend Swearing-in

Bay Harbor Islands representatives were invited to participate in the swearing-in of Representatives Kendrick Meek, Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Ron Klein into the 111th Congress of the U.S. House of Representatives at the Broward County Courthouse.



(L-R) Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Bay Harbor Islands Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace, Bay Harbor Islands Town Manager Ron Wasson, and Representative Ron Klein.

## Seniors on the Go Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, March 26, 2009, at 8 p.m.**  
Dame Edna at the Parker Play House, \$56.50
- **Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at 8 p.m.**  
Jersey Boys at the Broward Center \$78

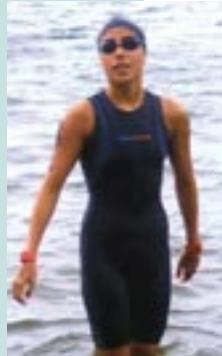
For reservations or more information, please contact Ruth Woods, 305-864-9580; Martha Astrella, 305-864-2086 or Bernice McKenney, 305-864- 5854.

## Sponsors Sought as Resident Eyes 2012 Olympics

With the 2012 London Olympics as her final goal, Bay Harbor Islands resident Gabriella Deza is on track to be a top open water swimming champion.

Already making her mark in winning the Aaron Peirsol's Race for the Oceans event and being named the Swimmer of the Year at Miami Beach Senior High, she has qualified for the Open Water Nationals and World Trials. Both of these events will take place in Ft. Myers in June. If she qualifies she will represent the U.S. at the World Championship in Rome and compete for a spot on the U.S. national team.

But to make her dream come true, Gabriella needs sponsors to offset her training and traveling expenses. To help Gabriella, residents and businesses can send donations to Gabriella Deza, c/o Town Hall at 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154. Checks should be made out to Gabriella Deza. Congratulations and best of luck to Gabriella!



## Volunteers Needed!

### Serve your Town on a Committee

Another year has gone by and it's time to volunteer for citizen's committees again. Residents who serve on these committees have done a great job during their one-year appointments and some may now choose to let other residents participate.

If you are interested in participating and feel qualified to provide input, please submit a letter of interest and a copy of your resume to **Town Clerk Marlene Marante at Town Hall**. If you don't have a resume, please list your life experiences or special qualifications in your letter. You may also fax to, 305-866-4863, or e-mail to, [mmarante@bayharborislands.net](mailto:mmarante@bayharborislands.net). **Deadline to submit is March 20.** Please mention which committee(s) you are interested in joining.

The following committees are open for citizen participation: **Charter/Ordinance Review, Disaster Preparedness, Education, Environmental Impact and Parks and Recreation.**

## Race Volunteer Coordinator Receives Certificate



Elaine Davis (C), President of The Bal Harbour Rotary Club, served as the Volunteer Coordinator of the Town's 5K Run/Walk. She was recently recognized with a certificate for her service.

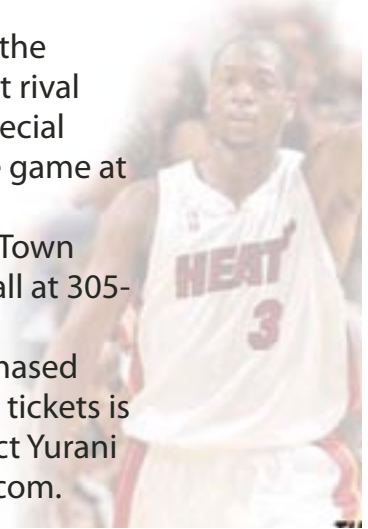
# Bay Harbor Islands Family Night With the Miami Heat



Bay Harbor Islands residents will be cheering on the Miami Heat on **Sunday, April 12 at 6 p.m.** against rival New York Knicks. Town residents will receive special ticket prices and acknowledgement during the game at American Airlines Arena.

**Transportation will be provided.** A bus will leave Town Hall at 5 p.m. To reserve your seat, please call Town Hall at 305-866-6241 by April 6.

Ticket prices range from \$17-\$35 and can be purchased with checks or credit cards. Deadline for purchasing tickets is April 6. For more information on ticket sales, contact Yurani Caicedo at (786) 777-4257 or email [ycaicedo@heat.com](mailto:ycaicedo@heat.com).



## Be Aware of Lead in Your Drinking Water

Lead in drinking water can significantly increase a person's total lead exposure, particularly in the case of infants who drink baby formulas and concentrated juices that are mixed with water. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) estimates that drinking water can make up 20 percent of a person's total exposure to lead.

When water stands in lead pipes or plumbing systems containing lead for several hours, the lead may dissolve into the water. This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning or later in the afternoon after returning from work or school, can contain fairly high levels of lead.

There are some immediate steps you can take to reduce the amounts of lead you consume. The first step is to refrain from consuming water that has been in contact with your home's plumbing for more than six hours. Before using water for drinking or cooking, "flush" the cold water faucet by allowing the water to run. You must do this for each drinking faucet – taking a shower will not flush your kitchen tap. Flushing is important because the longer water is exposed to lead pipes or lead solder, the greater the possible lead contamination.

The second step is to never cook with or consume water from the hot-water tap. Hot water dissolves lead quicker than cold water. So, do not use water taken from the hot tap for cooking or drinking, and especially not for making baby formula.

When plumbing work is done on your premises, instruct any plumber you hire to use lead-free materials for repairs or in newly installed plumbing. To have water tested contact a state approved laboratory in your area: KSA Environmental Laboratory, 954-431-4550.

To find out about the health effects of lead and how you can have your child's blood tested, contact: Miami-Dade County Office of Environmental Health at 305-623-3500.



## Relay for Life of Surf-Bal-Bay & Sunny Isles

May 9 -10 at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center  
1155 93<sup>rd</sup> St. • Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154

Relay For Life is a unique overnight celebration of life in honor and in memory of those touched by cancer.

- Celebrate being a cancer survivor
- Join the planning committee
- Register your team
- Come for a fun time
- Be a Sponsor

For more information please visit the following link:  
[www.relayforlife.org/nemiamicoastaff](http://www.relayforlife.org/nemiamicoastaff)

For additional information, please call:  
Marcos Rodriguez at 305-779-2860  
[Marcos.Rodriguez@cancer.org](mailto:Marcos.Rodriguez@cancer.org)

### Town Council

Kenneth Weinstein  
*Mayor*

Ileene S. Wallace  
*Vice Mayor*

Stephanie Bruder  
*Councilwoman*

Jordan W. Leonard  
*Councilman*

Alberto Ruder  
*Councilman*

Isaac Salver  
*Councilman*

Robert H. Yaffe  
*Councilman*

### Town Officials

Ronald J. Wasson  
*Town Manager*

Marlene Marante  
*Town Clerk*

Craig B. Sherman  
*Town Attorney*

Duncan W. Young  
*Chief of Police*

Alan Short  
*Finance Director*



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Police: (305) 866-6242

**Emergency: 911**

[www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org)

## Highlights of the February 9 Council Meeting

- Approved on second reading Ordinance #871 amending the Town of Bay Harbor Islands adopted Comprehensive Plan by adding the State mandated 10 Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance #872 amending Section 59 of the Town Charter to delete obsolete language referring to the Town's Municipal Court.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance #873 amending Section 64 of the Town Charter providing for a correction to the date of the formation of the Town.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance #874 amending Section 18 of the Town Charter modifying the period of time at which a councilperson is appointed to office and requiring a residency of at least six months prior to the election.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance #875 amending Section 67 of the Town Charter to delete obsolete language identifying the Council as the entity administering municipal elections.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance #876 amending Section 68 of the Town Charter modifying the Canvassing Board composition and the meeting date.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance #877 amending Section 26 of the Town Charter to modify the date for induction of newly elected Council members.
- Approved on first reading a proposed Ordinance amending Section 20-5 and 20-6 of the Town Code increasing the monthly charge for water service and the minimum monthly service charges per meter, due to an increase in charges from Miami-Dade County.
- Approved on first reading a proposed Ordinance creating Section 2-2 of the Town Code adopting regulations pertaining to the official use of the Town's seal.
- Approved the proposal from Chief Duncan Young to utilize forfeiture funds in an amount not to exceed \$31,595.70 to equip each police officer with a Taser brand electronic control device.
- Award of contract for the Community Enhancements Phase II Project to Tran Construction, Inc., lowest bidder, in the amount of \$2,452,376.51.